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### Office closures

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Due to changing economic times, the offices of the *InPort News* and *Pelham News* will be permanently closing this month, according to publisher Ken Koyama.

*The Tribune*, which publishes the community weekly newspaper, will continue to print the *InPort News* and the *Pelham News*.

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## PROJECTS AHEAD: Bike lanes, official plan and more

### Mayor's breakfast sets course

KAESHA FORAND  
 InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Construction, upgrades and looking to the future were on the menu for last week's mayor's breakfast.

In Wainfleet, for renovations to Feeder Rd. and the Biallung Rd. Bridge, the township is taking advantage of programs introduced by the federal and provincial governments.

In Port Colborne, not only are sewers being upgraded, but the city is taking a 3-D look into the future of its east-side canal lands.

Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badiwey and Wainfleet Mayor Barb Henderson provided an update on their respective communities to members of Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce at Emerald Pines Golf Club last week.

The township is resurfacing Feeder Rd. thanks to \$750,000 of funding through the Building Canada Fund, with its \$125,000 contribution from federal gas tax funding and \$125,000 from reserves.

"Included in this project is 2.3 km of shouldering for bicycle lanes," Henderson said. "This will be the first bike lane on municipal roads within the Township of Wainfleet. Work on this project began earlier this week and it is anticipated it will be completed by the end of the month."

She also cited funding for the Biallung Rd. bridge as an important factor to help the township accomplish projects without affecting the taxpayer. She said this type of funding is helpful to the township to complete projects it otherwise would not have been able to afford.

"However, funding can still be problematic when it hinges on a one-third contribution from the benefiting municipality which is why I have raised this issue with the upper levels of government whenever possible."

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## BACK IN TIME: Old fashioned fun at Marshville



ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo

Lukas Otterstein and Gavin Marriage climbed aboard a replica of the Silver Dart, the first plane to fly in Canada, on display at the Marshville Heritage Festival.

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# upfront

■ **MAYOR'S BREAKFAST:** Henderson, Badawey look ahead to future projects

## Envisioning a cleaner, greener east side

FROM PAGE 1

A new fire truck will soon travel down those new roads. A 1998 Freightliner Medic Master truck was purchased in Florida for \$17,000 (U.S.) and underwent repairs and upgrades, including to have the capacity for medical equipment. The work and purchase saved the township at least \$150,000.

"Having a fire rescue vehicle of this type will have several advantages for the department and township residents. We will now be able to respond to medical calls even if the other vehicles are occupied at active fires," Henderson said.

The township's official plan is also taking shape. Its consultant has prepared a draft issues and opportunities report which includes a natural features review, roads and municipal infrastructure considerations and other technical background analysis needed for the plan.

Badawey took those in attendance through a conceptual 3-D model tour of the city's east side. The aerial and land view of Port Colborne's waterfront was created in partnership with Niagara College and Niagara Region.

"It's no secret, it's an area in the city that needs attention," he said.

"We want to clean it and green it."

The city's vision includes a mix of land uses to "be more diverse for economic opportunities."

It includes more open space, recreational spaces, spectacular lake and canal front sights, expanded opportunities surrounding Nickel Beach, residential revitalization and new commercial and industrial opportunities along the canal.

He emphasized the concept is the beginning of marketing the area to attract businesses, industries and residents to the city. And also that it won't happen over night, or the next year.

Similar to work on West St. and the promenade, it will take time to revitalize and reshape the area.

"It will now be up to council, our community — including all stakeholders to move forward with the community



Submitted Photo

A conceptual 3-D model of the city's east side shows what could be done through a Community Improvement Plan for the city's waterfront. The aerial view was created in partnership with Niagara College and the Region of Niagara.

improvement plan process, satisfying the plan's requirements and offering a revitalized area of Port Colborne that is long overdue."

On another positive note, he mentioned that McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers Ltd. have been retained by the Ministry of Transportation to carry out detailed design for the reconstruction of a portion of Hwy. 140 in the area of Forks Rd. There are also a number of other tenders and projects on the go including the city's other three CIPs, improving the soccer fields at the Thomas A. Lannan Sports Complex and ditch cleaning.

■ **HOSPITAL**

## Saracino granted access to NHS statistics

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — If Bob Saracino has questions, he'll receive the answers he wants.

During a council meeting last month, Saracino, Port Colborne's regional councillor, informed staff and the public of his denied requests to access statistics and information on the Port Colborne General Hospital emergency room and Urgent Care Centre visits.

The story was front page news and also made it onto CHCH News after the Aug. 10 meeting.

Days later, he was granted access as an elected representative of council and was told he no longer has to go through Mayor Vance Badawey's office.

Saracino said he was granted access "very quickly, but it

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Bob Saracino, regional councillor

should never have happened. There was no way I was going through the mayor's office. It's public information."

He said he will now go directly to NHS CEO Debbie Sevenen for information he intends to use for presentations to the NHS, LHIN and the Ministry of Health.

He credited the print and television media for helping get his concerns out into the public, however, when he was told he could request information, did not inform the media.

"I'm preparing my questions now because I'm very concerned about the hospital," he said.

He noted he has not requested information since being granted access to it.

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## Marshville turns back the clock

ALLAN BENNER  
InPort News Staff

**WAINFLEET** — The sounds of old machinery churning away, running old pumps and saws, mingled with bonfires crackling beneath cauldrons of delicious foods like apple butter and homemade soup, while fiddle music filled the background.

As many as 30,000 people spent Labour Day weekend in Wainfleet to relive the past at the 21st annual Marshville Heritage Festival. They mingled through historic buildings within the village, learning about life here more than a century to go. For many of the visitors, as well as the roughly 400 volunteers and exhibitors who ran the event, it was a look back into their own history.

Doug Wright, for instance, has returned to the festival for many years, demonstrating how rope was made many years ago. With the help of his children, Sean, Toosje, Tanya and her husband Jerod Dahlgren, Wright used the antique

rope making machine to twist together as many as 400 lengths of rope that he gave out to visitors.

His exhibit — probably the largest collection of rope making machines in Ontario, he said — was set up just a stone's throw away from where he started his career as a teacher in 1960 or '61.

Bob Shoalts, one of the founders of the festival, said many of the 400-plus volunteers that help out during the festival have similar stories to tell — about personal connections to the history they're sharing with the people who visit the festival. For instance, many of the buildings within the heritage village sat on local farms — such as the old blacksmith shop where Peter Parry and a team of skilled blacksmiths demonstrated their craft for the visitors.

And many of the families that settled in the area more than a century ago are "still around, like the Zavitz family with the stone house, and Morgan's log cabin," Shoalts added.

Even many of 44 different demonstrations that took

place during the event were a reflection of local history. The century-old press that now prints souvenir calendars at the Marshville News and Printery, once printed a local newspaper many years ago — *The Thorold News*. It sat for decades in storage before being restored by volunteers,

like Robert Halls, from the MacKenzie Printery and Newspaper Museum. Halls was running the late 1800s printer with the help of his grandson Hunter Corcoran.

Bob's brother Roy Shoalts was also back for the weekend with his son Mark, showing visitors the way woodworking was done long ago — the way Shoalts' father used to do it on the Wainfleet farm where he grew up.

In addition to the connections between the buildings and the people, there are also connection between the buildings themselves, Bob Shoalts said. "For instance we're almost positive that the lumber for the Patrons of Industry Hall was cut in the Dean Saw Mill."

— Photos by Allan Benner



Long time volunteer at the Marshville Heritage Festival Doug Wright demonstrates the way rope was made a century ago during the Labour Day Weekend event.



Mike Bacso Jr. cuts wood shingles the way it was done a century ago in one of 44 demonstrations held as part of last weekend's festival.



Hunter Corcoran feeds pages into a hundred year old press at the Marshville News and Printery during the Marshville Heritage Festival.



Jordan Thiessen was one of several performers at the Marshville Heritage Festival. The 14-year-old Centennial Secondary School student said he taught himself how to juggle four years ago.



Above: Dozens of historic and classic cars and trucks were polished to a shine and put on display at the Marshville Heritage Festival.

Left: The front porch of the old log cabin was transformed into a stage for a variety of musical groups including the Olde Tyme Fiddlers.

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## ourview

## This isn't time for another election

The threat of an election is upon us.

This could be a positive for Liberal supporters who want to regain power in the House of Commons and see Michael Ignatieff in Canada's top government spot, but is this the time for an election? Absolutely not.

The government shouldn't be at odds over small issues when the Canadian economy is slowly rebuilding itself.

Construction projects are underway and jobs are slowly emerging in municipalities. According to the government, last month Canada gained thousands of jobs — a sign of a slow but hopefully steady growth.

When parliament resumes next week, the Conservatives will be forced to carefully tread water and not upset the Bloc Quebecois or the NDP.

Liberals talk about the rising debt the Conservatives have put Canadians in; however, compared to other nations, including the United States, our debt is manageable. We can and have paid it down.

If Canada was in dire straits and if stimulus money wasn't flowing to local communities, then an election would be needed. However, money is flowing, consumer confidence is up and the economy will slowly recover.

The last election cost \$270 million, that's money that would be better spent to improve the economy.

## Marvelous Marshville

Organizers of this year's annual Marshville Heritage Festival deserve a pat on the back.

Yet again, a top-notch festival was put on by dedicated volunteers who never hesitate to provide their assistance to the community to demonstrate Wainfleet's rural heritage in the early days.

Without festivals like Marshville, children and future generations wouldn't know about Wainfleet's background and how farms were tended to, how the newspaper was printed and fresh doughnuts were once made.

The hum of steam engines and the smell of fresh apple butter mulling in a kettle fill the air at the Marshville Heritage Village once a year during the Labour Day weekend.

And again, those dedicated folks that help make the event possible can't be given enough recognition.

Hopefully their children and grandchildren will continue the tradition when they grow up because festivals like Marshville must continue with future generations.

## ■ DONATION: Event benefits mammography department



Staff Photo

The Italian Canadian Cultural Centre's 2009 spring tea raised \$2,500 for the Port Colborne Hospital's mammography department. The ladies auxiliary including secretary Tracy Ottaviano, president Bettina DiGiulio and treasurer Ida Miani recently presented the cheque to Debbie Spraggett of the hospital foundation and Carmella Rulli, foundation board chair.

## ■ I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT...

## The bread of life

REV. THOMAS P. ARTH

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Our church, and some other denominations as well, follow the Revised Common Lectionary. It's a schedule of scripture readings suggested for use in worship each week.

This summer, from July 26 through Aug. 23, the gospel readings on those Sundays came from the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to John. They all deal, in one way or another, with bread.

The series of readings began with the story of Jesus miraculously feeding thousands of people with five barley loaves and two fish. The readings continued with Jesus speaking of himself as the bread of life, speaking of eating his flesh and drinking his blood, with his listeners being confused and upset by his words, and ended with his core group of followers making a renewed commitment to him.

As a preacher it can be tricky to come up with fresh ideas about bread for five weeks in a row and here I am writing a newspaper column about bread. It has been on my mind.

When my family sits down to eat, we give thanks for the food we eat by saying grace. We have a few prayers to choose from. We even sing some of them. Probably our most common table grace goes like this: "Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed."

Blessed be God who is our bread. May all the world be clothed and fed.

In our world bread is a staple. Obviously we use it to make sandwiches of all kinds. And when we eat the ever popular burger, it comes on a bun. A hotdog or sausage is laid in a bun. Some restaurants will give you a roll with your meal, or place a basket of rolls on the table before your meal arrives.

Except for some dietary issues, for most of us bread is the stuff of life. We would hardly go a day without it. The same goes for our relationship with God. As the readings from John, chapter six discussed and as our table grace says, God in Jesus Christ is our bread.

You could debate whether Jesus was speaking metaphorically or literally. I think rather than either/or, in this case it's both and in my church's tradition we share in the weekly celebration of the Lord's supper where we receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine.

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## ■ ETHIOPIA

## Population, famine and fate in Ethiopia



Gwynne Dyer

A quarter-century after a million Ethiopians died in the great hunger of 1984-85, the country is heading into another famine. The spring rains failed entirely and the summer rains were three weeks late. But why is famine is stalking Ethiopia again?

The Ethiopian government is authoritarian, but it isn't incompetent. It gives fertilizer to farmers and teaches best practices. By the late '90s, the country was self-sufficient in food in good years and the government had created a strategic food reserve for the bad years.

So why are we back here again? Infant deaths are already over two per 10,000 per day in Somali, the worst-hit region of Ethiopia. (Four per day counts as full-scale famine.) Country-wide, 20% of the population already depends on the dwindling flow of foreign food aid and it will get worse for many months yet. What have the Ethiopians done wrong?

The real answer (which everybody carefully avoids) is that they have had too many babies. The population at the time of the last famine was 40 million. Twenty-five years later, it is 80 million. You can do everything else right — give your farmers new tools and skills, fight erosion, create food reserves — and if you don't control the population, you are just spinning into the wind.

It is so obvious that this should be the start of every conversation about the country. Even if the coming famine in Ethiopia kills a million people, the population will keep growing. So the next famine, 10 or 15 years from now, will hit a country of 100 million people. It will be put on a living from farming on land where only 40 million faced starvation in the 1980s. It is going to get much uglier in Ethiopia.

Yet it's practically taboo to say that. The whole question of population, instead of being central to the debate about development, about food, about climate change, has been put on ice. The reason, I think, is that the rich countries are secretly embarrassed and the poor countries are deeply resentful.

■ GWYNNE DYER

# The truth is taboo when it comes to famine

FROM PAGE 4

Suppose that Ethiopia had been the first country to industrialize. Suppose some mechanical genius in Tigray invented the world's first steam engine in 1710. The first railways were spreading across the country by the 1830s, and at the same time Ethiopian entrepreneurs and imperialists spread all over Africa. By the end of the 19th century, they controlled half of Europe too.

Nevertheless the improbabilities. The point is that an Ethiopia with such a history would easily be rich enough to support 80 million people now — and if it could not grow enough food for them all, it would just import it. Just like Britain (where the industrial revolution actually started) imports food. Money makes everything easy.

In 1710, when Thomas Newcomen devised the first practical steam engine in Devonshire, the population of Britain was just 7 million. It is now 61 million, but they do not live in fear of famine. In fact, they eat very well, even though they currently import over a third of their food. They got in first, so although they never worried in the slightest about population growth, they got away with it. Ethiopia has more than four times the land surface of Britain. The rain is less reliable, but a rich Ethiopia would have no trouble feeding its people. The problem is that it got the population growth without the wealth. Supporting the population growth now would be very hard, but otherwise famine will be a permanent resident in another 20 years.

The problem is well understood. The population of the rich countries has grown about tenfold since the earliest days of the industrial revolution, and for the first half of that period it grew quite slowly. Many babies died, and there were no cures for most epidemic diseases. Later the death rate dropped, but by then, with people feeling more

secure in their lives, the birth rate was dropping too.

Whereas, in most of the poor countries, the population hardly grew at all until the start of the 20th century. But once the population did start to grow, thanks to basic public health measures that cut the death rate, it grew faster than it ever did in the rich countries.

Unfortunately, economies don't grow that fast, so these countries never achieved the level of comfort and security where most people will start to reduce their family size spontaneously. At the current rate of growth, Ethiopia's population will double again, to 160 million people, in just 32 years.

You're thinking that will never happen. Famine will become normal in Ethiopia well before that. No combination of wise domestic policies, and no amount of foreign aid, can stop it. And you are right.

What applies to Ethiopia applies to many other African countries, including some that do not currently have famines. Uganda, for example, had five million people at independence in 1960. It now has 32 million, and at the current growth rate it will have 130 million by 2050. Uganda is only the size of Oregon (New Zealand, Ecuador, Romania, Laos).

History is unfair. Conversations between those who got lucky and those left holding the other end of the stick are awkward. But we cannot go on ignoring the elephant in the room. We have to start talking about population again.

Gwynne Dyer's latest book, *Climate Wars*, was published recently in Canada by Random House.

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## ■ BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: The South Niagara Business Development Corp.



Staff Photo

The Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce honoured its business of the quarter at Emerald Pines Golf Club last Thursday. The South Niagara Community Futures Development Corp. and its staff were honoured for years of providing loans to help start up local businesses and their community development. Terry Kadowell and Sandy White, chair of the South Niagara CFDC board received the award from Robert Hesp of RBC Dominion Securities with manager Fred Davies, Alana Hoyle and Michelle Giancola.

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## CASTING CALL FOR LOCAL TALENT

PORT COLBORNE — A call is going out for talent — amateur singers and dancers are needed for Red, Hot and Cole.

The Port Colborne Operatic Society has made the call for tap, jazz and ballroom dancers, as well as vocal soloists and technical staff to pull off a successful Broadway show.

Registration for cast and crew will be held at Lakeshore Catholic's auditorium Wednesday, Sept. 16. Expectations of cast hopefuls will be outlined by

stage director George Doros, musical director Faye Bean and choreographer Donna Moreau. Auditions will begin on Sept. 17 for registered applicants.

Red, Hot and Cole is the life story of Cole Porter, one of Broadway's top musical composers. He was the author of *Can-Can*, *Anything Goes*, *Kiss Me Kate* and *High Society*. A few hit songs include *I Love Paris*, *In the Still of the Night*, *It's De-Lovely*, and *Let's Misbehave*.

This will be the operatic society's 65th production, last year it staged *The Wizard of Oz* and the year before *The Melody Lingers On*. For further information call 905-834-9318 or 905-734-3840 or just stop in at Lakeshore Catholic on Sept. 9.

— Import News Staff

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■ **MAYOR'S GOLF CHALLENGE:** Two charities benefit from local event



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The recent Mayor's Golf Challenge with Wainfleet Mayor Barb Henderson and Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badawey raised \$10,500 for two local charities. The Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre received \$4,750 to help fund its programs. Henderson presented the cheque to Jim Marino, foundation executive director and foundation trustee Brian Carter with Badawey (pictured above). Wellspring Niagara also received \$4,750 from the tournament. Badawey presented the cheque to Ann Martini-Celima with Henderson to fund cancer support services in Niagara (pictured right).



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### ■ FOOD FOR THOUGHT

## Free program helps locals get back to basics

KAESHA FORAND  
InPort News Staff

Community Living and the Back to Basics program are helping Port Colborne residents get, well, back to basics.

For decades, families looking to stretch their budget turned to canning when fruits and vegetables were abundant.

Making a new outfit out of an old one, or stitching a hem was also a useful skill to possess.

Thanks to funding from Niagara Region's Niagara Prosperity Initiative, Community Living will be home to Back to Basics on Tuesday and Wednesday nights — from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. — to offer free lessons on home economics.

The program is led by Pauline Schaubel, Linda Blackmore, Nancy Feagan and Jessica Bonfoco, who will teach life skills and self-sufficiency through hands-on learning.

They will teach people how to grow and pick fruits and vegetables, canning, basic sewing and baking.

Schaubel says the program's lessons will teach people how to save money with basic techniques.

"If you come to class you get to bring home jars of the product."

Says Bonfoco, "With the recession, we're doing this to teach people how to save money and we're getting a lot of compliments. People are saying we do need to get back to basics."

The program began last week with canning fruits and vegetables, "because all the fruits and vegetables are at a premium," Feagan says.

The creative part of the program involves sewing, using one of 10 sewing machines at Community Living.

Kitchen etiquette, safe food handling and weekly recipes will also be covered.

Registration is required for each lesson by calling 905-835-8941 ext. 122.

Lessons will run until December, and are open to all ages. Parents wishing to take part in the program can also bring their children. Babysitting services will be available free of charge.

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The free Back to Basics program at Community Living will teach canning, baking, food safety and preparation, by Jessica Bonfoco, Nancy Feagan, Linda Blackmore and Pauline Schaubel.

## DENTURE CENTRE

### Preventing Fungal Infections for Denture Wearers

Contrary to popular belief, life with a denture is not life without dentistry. There are quite special oral health concerns for people who wear dentures, and Candida infection is one of them.

Candida is a yeast-like fungus present in the mouths of about 30% of adults, and in nearly half of all denture wearers. It doesn't cause much trouble when the denture fits well, mouth tissue is healthy, immune system intact and nutritional needs are satisfied. But an ill-fitting denture, or bad denture habits, can adversely affect both nutrition and oral tissues, and open the door to Candida invasion.

It happens fast. Candida can spread over a denture in just 30 minutes! Since Candida actually permeates the acrylic liner of the denture, chronic infection can occur. The common result is denture stomatitis, that is red inflamed sores under the denture. Stomatitis will discourage from wearing the denture at all.

How to resist infection? Keep your mouth tissues in top condition. Remove your dentures more often, especially at night. Let's try to determine what elements of your diet might contribute to fungus growth. Best of all, have us evaluate your denture fit. In severe or chronic cases you may need to see your doctor.

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## ■ I'VE BEEN THINKING

## It's our duty to feed the hungry

FROM PAGE 4

Christian traditions differ on what happens in that meal but I think we all agree that when we gather, Jesus is there.

Being a Christian is about living with him in your life. Living a life of faith isn't just about me and Jesus. A life of faith is also about serving all people, following the example of Jesus, and striving for justice and peace in all the earth. May all the world be clothed and fed is our

prayer and also our duty.

As long as there are hungry people in our community and in our world—people without the bread that gives them life—we ought to be doing all we can to provide that bread. Another of Jesus' stories says that when we refuse to provide for the hungry we are refusing him. We need Jesus, the bread of life, in our lives. Our Lord uses us in his mission to bless and save and feed the world. Blessed be God who is our bread. May all the world be clothed and fed.

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## Fellow Canadians,

I have been standing along -side my best friend Janet Daoust (Dewar) and her two sons 3 1/2 year old Joshua and 1 1/2 year old Jake over the past few months. I stand with them as they deal with the stress of their father and husband Master Corporal Joel Daoust, being deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan. This is his second tour of duty.

Fathers, Mothers, Husbands, Wives, Brothers, Sisters, Uncles, Aunts, Sons, Daughters and many friends are getting letters, videos, pictures etc from their loved ones about Summer BBQ's, days at the beach, their children's first steps or words, trips and family get-togethers. This is when the real sense of homesickness sets in.

We would like to make the summer for our soldiers as enjoyable as possible under the circumstances. These brave men and women are putting themselves into harms way on behalf of our country. We are going to begin sending care packages to our troops in hopes of brightening their day and reminding them that we have not forgotten about them and appreciate their service for our country.

Anything that you would like to contribute would be greatly appreciated. I have attached a list of items that are needed / requested or just to have fun with. If you have any questions please feel free to e-mail Melissa@northamericatrafic.com . Any items can be dropped off at the Royal Canadian Legion 67 Clarence St, Port Colborne or by contacting myself and we will make arrangements. Thank You in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

Melissa Murdoch (Benner)

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## Wainfleet library activities

**WAINFLEET** — The following activities and classes are being held at the Wainfleet Public Library. For more information or to register please call 905-899-1277.

Computer workshops and one-on-one training are available at the Wainfleet Township Public Library Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please call the library at to book an appointment.

**Thursday, Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8 and 15:** Preschool Story Time for ages two to five at the Wainfleet Township Public Library. A six-week program of stories, songs, activities and crafts runs Thursdays from 10 to 10:45 a.m. No fee for the program but pre-register. Each child must be accompanied by their parent/caregiver. This session's theme is fall into reading at your library.

**Tuesday, Sept. 15:** Digital photography absolute basics at the Wainfleet Township Public Library from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This course will deal with the use and manipulation of the digital camera and will cover basic digital photography techniques and concepts. Cost \$10. Please pre-register as space is limited.

**Thursday, Sept. 17:** Get your game on at the Wain-

fleet Township Public Library from 3 to 5 p.m. Drop in with your friends after school to play Nintendo Wii. Ages 10 to 18 welcome.

**Thursday, Sept. 24:** Jane Austen Book Club meets at the Wainfleet Township Public Library from 2 to 3 p.m. Come discuss her books, movie adaptations and her life over afternoon tea on the last Thursday of the month. Please call to pre-register your attendance. This month's selection is Persuasion.

**Monday, Sept. 28:** Book Club meets at the Wainfleet Township Public Library at 6:30 p.m. This month's selection is Love in the Time of Cholera by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Please call to register as a book club member.

**Wednesday, Sept. 30:** Seniors Wii is offered at the Wainfleet Township Public Library from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Seniors are welcome to join in for exciting Wii Sports at the library. Great for some light exercise and lots of fun. No prior experience required, they'll teach you how to play. Refreshments will be provided.

## Recipe of the Week

Sept 11th  
to Sept 17th

### Our Port Country Pantry's JEAN'S ZUCCHINI BREAD

#### INGREDIENTS

1. Mix together in a large bowl. Set aside.
2. Combine: make a well in the centre of the flour mixture and add the oil mixture. Stir briskly with a fork. Batter will be very stiff.
3. Add zucchini and mix until combined. Bake in preheated 350 degrees F oven in 2 well greased loaf pans, for 1 hour or until toothpick inserted in centre comes out clean. Makes 2 loaves.

1. 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour or (2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour plus 1 cup all-purpose flour)
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/4 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 1/4 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. sea salt
- 1 cup chopped nuts, raisins or dates
- 2 1/2 cups canola oil
- 4 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
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## ■ PORT COLBORNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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Members of the Port Colborne Historical Society toured the No. 6 RCAP Dunville Museum at the Dunville Airport and visited the Lalar Historical Collection at the Dunville Public Library for their annual June outing. Estelle Pringle, a former PCHS member (centre) spoke to the group about work the Dunville Heritage Association has done in preserving the history of that community. The Port Historical Society will meet again at the Port Village Retirement Home Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. Guest speakers from the Port Colborne General Hospital Auxiliary who will talk about the history of their organization. All are welcome.

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# ■ CAMP RAISES CASH: Almost \$4,000 raised for minor hockey

At right: Budding hockey players had the opportunity to hone in on their skills last week during the Golden Puck Hockey Conditioning Camp. For the 17th year, young girls and boys performed numerous drills with volunteer coaches. This year's camp was sold out with 108 campers and \$3,800 was raised for minor hockey. Of the campers, Harrison Langerak, Paul Musotti, Bill Steele and Andrew Leblanc participated with coaches Kevin Langerak, Paul Musotti, Bill Steele and Mat Lannan.

KAESHA FORAND Staff Photo



■ GOLDEN PUCK HOCKEY CONDITIONING CAMP

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For more information on the Every Kid... Coalition, please contact Cynthia at 905-835-8941 X 150  
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KAESHA FORAND Staff Photos

Budding hockey players had the opportunity to hone in on their skills last week during the Golden Puck Hockey Conditioning Camp. At the top, Bill Steele looks on as a camper performs a drill. Above, players listen to coaches before beginning their drills.

## ■ CLOSURES

## Port Colborne bureau to close this month; business continues at The Tribune

FROM PAGE 1

News and advertising staff will continue to serve the Port Colborne, Wainfleet and Pelham areas from The Tribune offices in Welland, at 228 East Main St.

Port Colborne, Wainfleet and Pelham are important parts of our coverage area and we regret the factors which have led us to make the difficult decision to close our two bureau offices," said Koyama.

"However, we remain committed to serving those communities from both a readership and advertising perspective. We will continue to provide top-notch daily and weekly coverage of happenings throughout our coverage area and will also be there for our advertisers."

The Pelham office will be closed at the end of the day on Friday, Sept. 18 while the Port Col-

**"We will continue to provide top-notch daily and weekly coverage of happenings throughout our coverage area and will also be there for our advertisers."**

Ken Koyama, publisher

borne office will be closed as of the end of the day on Friday, Sept. 25.

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■ **MARSHVILLE HERITAGE FESTIVAL:** From rich history to new additions, this year's event was not to be missed

# Revisiting Wainfleet's spectacular Labour Day weekend tradition



**George Duma**  
BY GEORGE

Depending on how you look at it, the Marshville Heritage Festival in Wainfleet either signifies the end of summer or the beginning of fall.

There's a melancholy to the former but for anyone who loves fall, there's an excitement to the latter.

Despite whatever significance one gives to it, the approximately 30,000 people who attend annually can most certainly agree on one thing — it's spectacular. And it's one of those rare annual festivals whose organizers refuse to simply sit on their laurels. The volunteer committee and the dozens of volunteers who put it all together year after year see to that.

On a perfect Sunday afternoon of Labour Day weekend, with temperatures in the low 20s C, a cloudless sky and a slight breeze blowing through the Marshville site west of Highway 3 in Wainfleet village, former Wainfleet mayor Stan Pettit is selling entry tickets from one of the booths. Stan is a kind, genial soul without an evil bone in his body. We've known each other for years, from back when I started at *The Trib's* Port office in 1984 as a reporter and he was mayor of the neighbouring municipality. He smiles broadly as he looks out from the booth.

"Hey, look who's here," he says to both of us as we pass our money over and take our tickets. We exchange pleas-



GEORGE DUMA inPort News Photo

Scott Martin, left, prepares dumplings and spring rolls in the Smokin' Buddha's booth at the Marshville Heritage Festival while Jake Redmond looks after the lineup of customers.

antries and on we go to explore the festival.

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With about 150 exhibitors and roughly 40 demonstrators on top of that, it's almost impossible to properly experience the event in a single day.

We always plan our annual Marshville visit to coincide with lunch so we can grab a bite to eat before we stroll through the grounds. This year brings a pleasant surprise as we look down food alley, immediately past the gates. Jake Redmond is serving amazing gourmet fare from The Smokin' Buddha's kiosk. It's a new addition to the festival and we join the line to order dim sum and pork dumplings.

"We were invited to come this year," Jake says. "The festival committee approached (restaurant owner) Kevin [Echlin] and asked if we would be interested."

They jumped at the chance.

"It's a great way to get out and let people know who we are," Jake explains.

After lunch, we wander the grounds, much like everybody there, stopping at points that interest us and moving past those that don't.

A fascinating stop to stop for a browse is always the Heritage Carvers area, where members of the carving club put on an ongoing demonstration of their talent.

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■ BY GEORGE

## Growing festival has retained its charm

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Cindy Goulden is working on a piece as we approach.

"I've been doing this for about seven years," she says. Her mom, Anne Kurella, is a long-time member of the club and introduced her daughter to it. The club meets every Wednesday.

Bob Arthur is greeting the public at the Heritage Carvers display, and he tells us about the Marshville Heritage Committee. The group meets at the P.I. Hall on the Marshville grounds once a month.

"The P.I. Hall is named after the Patrons of Industry," he explains, "and basically, it was a union hall."

"The heritage committee meets there every month and about 40 to 50 people come out. They bring in guest speakers and the speakers explain about really interesting stuff dealing with history."

Chuck Simpson of Pig Roast Promotions is carving up a pig behind the pig-on-a-bun booth as I approach him. Chuck is a friend and we have a nice chat. He's helping out this year, doing the roasting and the butchering. His motto?

"Put pork on your fork at the Marshville Heritage Festival."

I pass on the pig this year because Chuck is actually coming to our church, First Lutheran, this Saturday, Sept. 12, to help host a dinner and a movie night fundraiser for the church. I'll get my fill then.

Hey, in a bit of shameless self-promotion, if you're not doing anything Saturday, drop by the church at 689 Elm St. Dinner is \$15 and will include pork, chicken, salads and corn on the cob while the movie is free. It all starts at 5 p.m.

We spend the rest of afternoon, strolling, bumping into people we know and enjoying the incredible atmosphere.

I can vividly recall going to the very first Marshville festival back in 1989. I covered it for the paper. It was a small, quaint event that drew about 5,000 its first year, a huge success back then and the culmination of years of planning.

Now, it's a large, quaint event that has lost none of its charm despite the incredible growth in more than 20 years. With the good weather this year, I won't be surprised if the attendance far surpasses 30,000. At the time of this writing on Labour Day Monday, the festival is still going on.

As I did editorially every year I worked at *The Trib*, I tip my hat to all the wonderful, warm, friendly, caring individuals who manage to pull off this minor miracle every Labour Day weekend.

You truly are the epitome of leading by example, of showing us all what a small community can accomplish when everyone in it is pulling an oar in the same direction.

Kudos, folks. We're already looking forward to next year's.

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Bob Arthur was greeting visitors at the Heritage Carvers display.

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